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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification, claims and abstract prior to the examination of the application.

A Substitute Specification (clean and marked versions) is submitted concurrently herewith, along with the certified English translation. A new Abstract of the Disclosure is submitted as part of the Substitute Specification.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.